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The Honorable Cyrus R. Vence
Deputy Secretary of Defense
Washington, D. C.

Dear Cy:

I have considered the National ELINT Plan and agree that it should be promulgated. In all probability further experience, working under the Plan, will suggest the need for changes and improvements in the Plan and the possibilities for further improving the effectiveness of the ELINT effort. In the meantime, note should be taken of the work which has been accomplished over the past four years in connection with the development of the Plan and which has resulted in improvements in both the management of the program and the type of ELINT program a being carried out.

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(signed) W. F. Raborn

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THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE WASHINGTON

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Honorable W. F. Raborn Director of Central Intelligence Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear Red:

On September 8, 1964, a draft copy of the National ELINT Plan was forwarded to your agency and your reply of October 30, 1964 suggested certain modifications. In addition, other actions were taken to improve the managerial arrangements for the Department of Defense ELINT operations. Your recommendations and the Department of Defense actions were noted by the ELINT Advisory Group, on which you provide membership and the Plan was revised by this group to reflect these recommendations and actions.

I have already approved the execution of those portions of the National ELINT Plan involving DOD resources; however, no promulgation has been made to date of this document. I would therefore appreciate receiving your concurrence to the attached document in order that we may issue this as a coordinated publication. This publication, when distributed, will serve as the basis for the effective management of the total National ELINT effort.

Sincerely,

Attachment

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT

The National ELINT Plan

Annexed is a proposed letter to Mr. Vence concerning the National ELINT Plan. This Plan was discussed briefly during the course of the presentation this afternoon on the new proposed procedures for COMINT guidance. You will probably wish to have a briefing on the ELINT Plan, which can be arranged at any time. In the meantime, I recommend dispatch of the annexes letter.

> JUHN A. BROSS D/DGI/NIPE

Attachment Letter to Sec. Vance

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MEMORANDUM FOR: DCI

Attached for DCI signature is a response to Secretary Vance, agreeing that the National ELINT Plan should be promulgated. John Bross believes you will want a briefing on this Plan and will set one up at your convenience if you so desire but, in the meantime, recommends that this letter be dispatched. This reply was worked up by John Bross, the CIA SIGINT Officer, and DD/S&T's ELINT Officer.

Recommend signature.

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